In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows by canceling claims 1-16 and 21-42. A complete listing of the claims is listed below with proper claim identifiers.

Listing of Claims:

1-16 (Cancelled)

17. (Original) A compound of formula (I)

 $M_4(OPr^n)_{16}$ (I);

wherein M is zirconium or hafnium; and

wherein the purity of the compound is at least 97% as measured by NMR spectroscopy.

- 18. (Original) The compound of claim 17, wherein the purity of the compound is at least 99% as measured by NMR spectroscopy.
 - 19. (Original) The compound of claim 17 wherein M is zirconium.
 - 20. (Original) A method of making the compound of claim 17, comprising: distilling M(OPrⁿ)₄.

21-42 (Cancelled)